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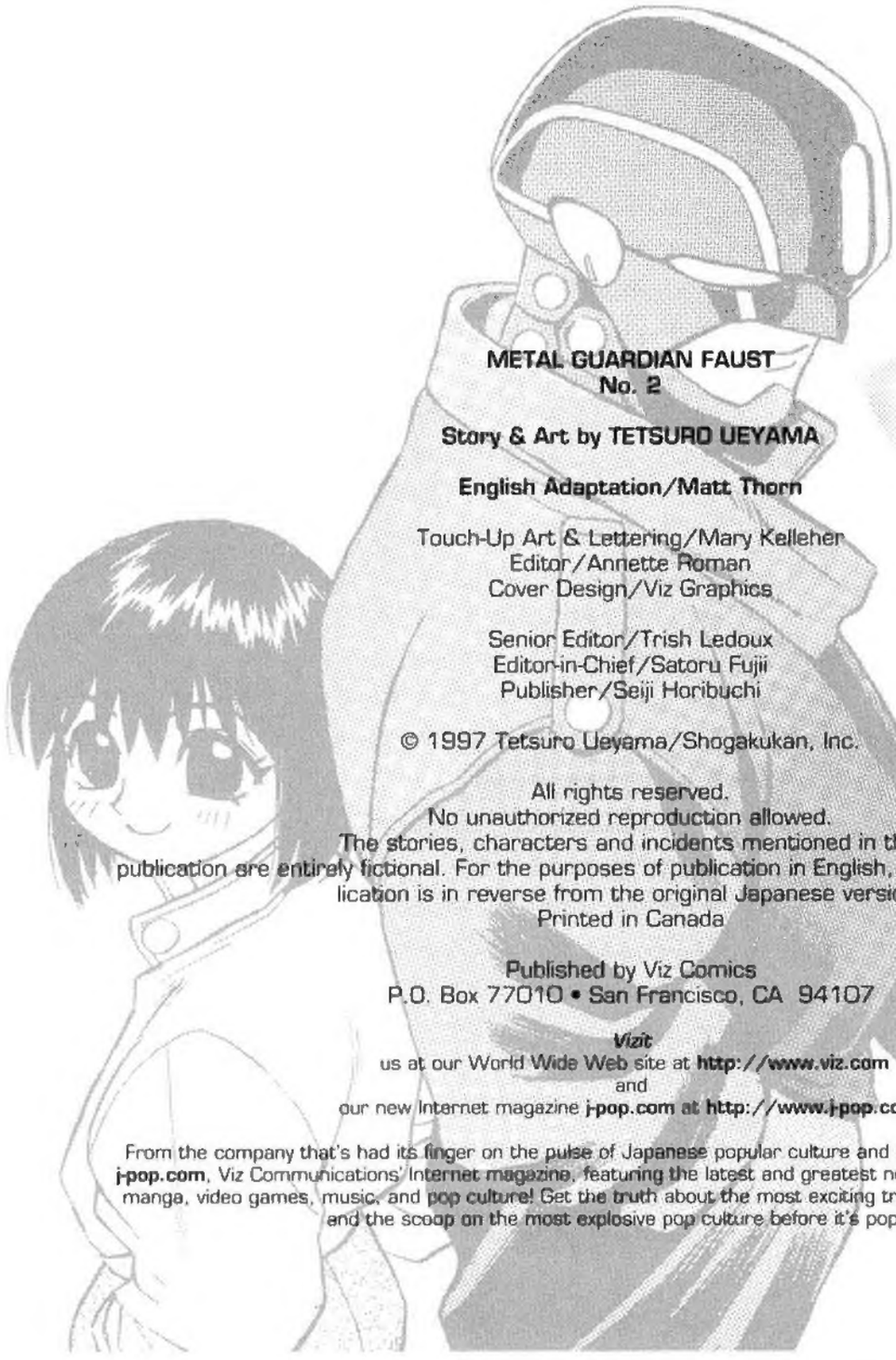

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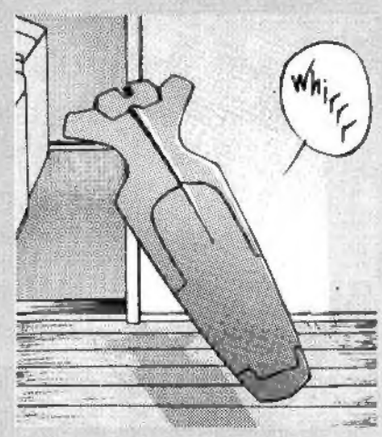
The unforgettable story of a girl and her robot! When schoolgirl Rushiha is suddenly attacked by a humanoid robot, another robot appears out of the blue to rescue her! Who sent him? And why does he insist on staying on as her personal bodyguard?

Name: **ANGEL**
Identity: ROBOT
Notes: Angel is the mastermind behind the robots attempting to kidnap Rushiha. What is her dastardly plan?



Name: **DASHER**
Identity: ROBOT
Notes: A machine plated with the superalloy Laynium. Dasher's only attack is to ram, or "dash," into its opponent. Its extreme simplicity is precisely the key to its reputation as a near-perfect weapon. It hovers by means of a Dean Drive, and is propelled by jets.

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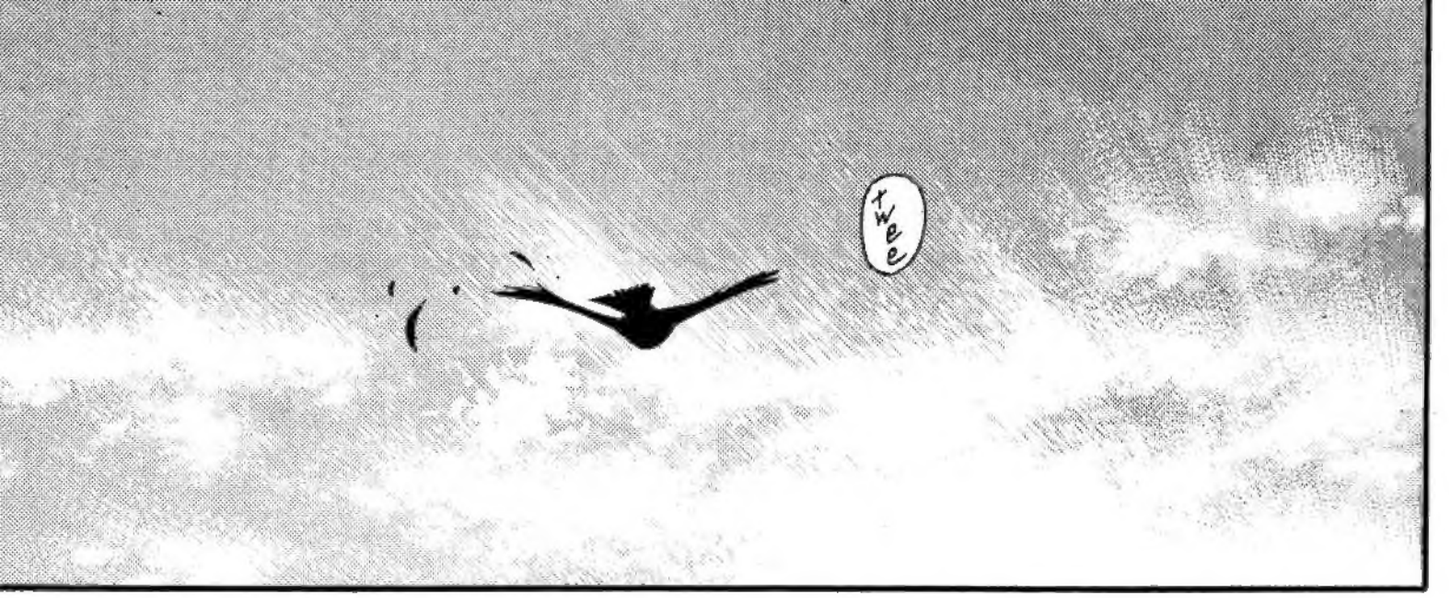
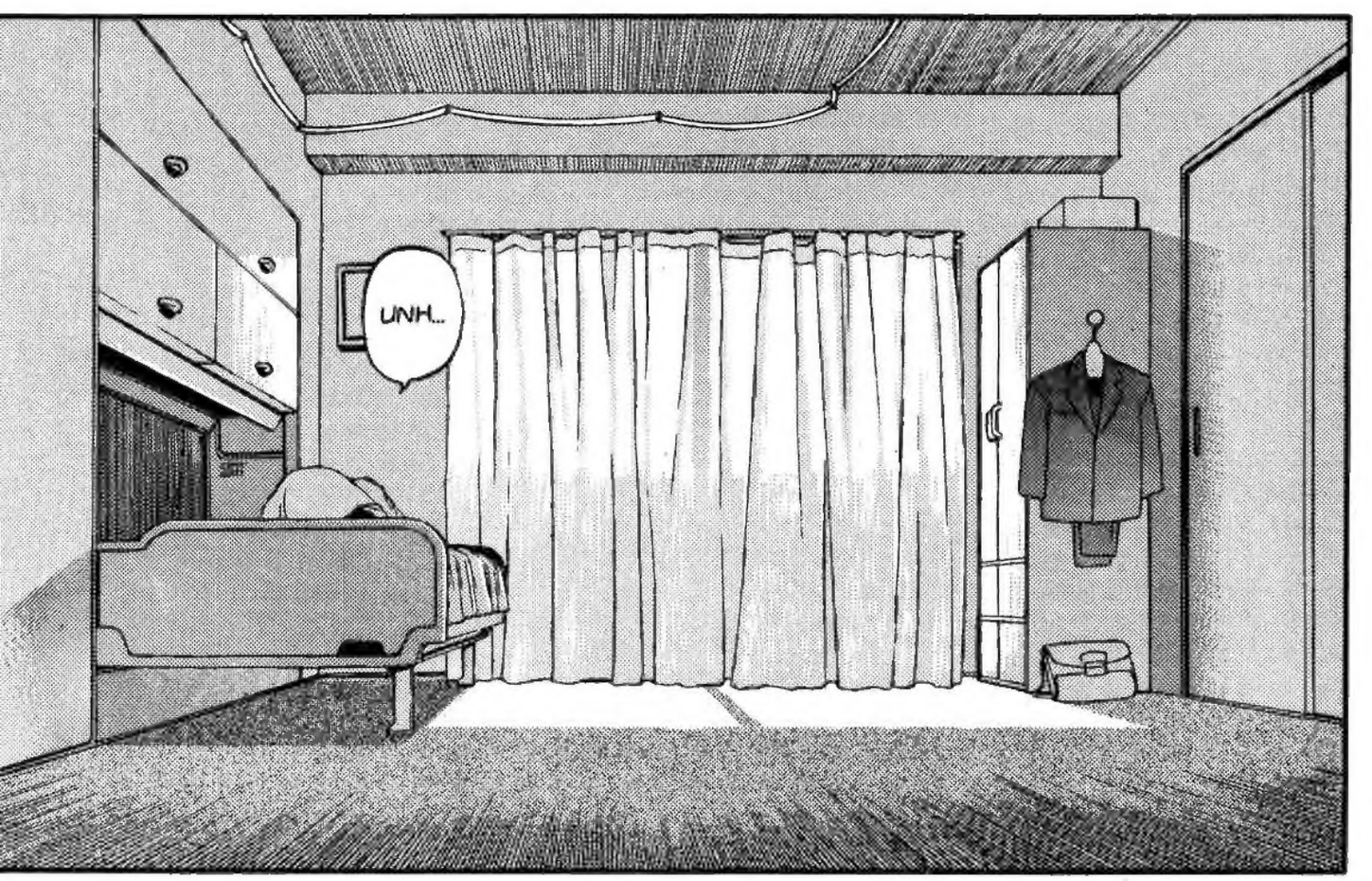
CLASH OF THE STEEL WARRIORS





FAUST

Height: 6'5"
Weight: 401 lbs.

AH!
TMP
TMP
TMP
TMP
TMP
TMP
TMPTMPTMP
BAM

HM?
SOME-THING WRONG?
AH...
Sighhh..
SHLLLL
THIS WAS SUPPOSED TO BE THE PART...
...WHERE I WAKE UP AND IT WAS ALL A DREAM!
SLUMP
SORRY TO DIS-APPOINT YOU.

PA
SH!

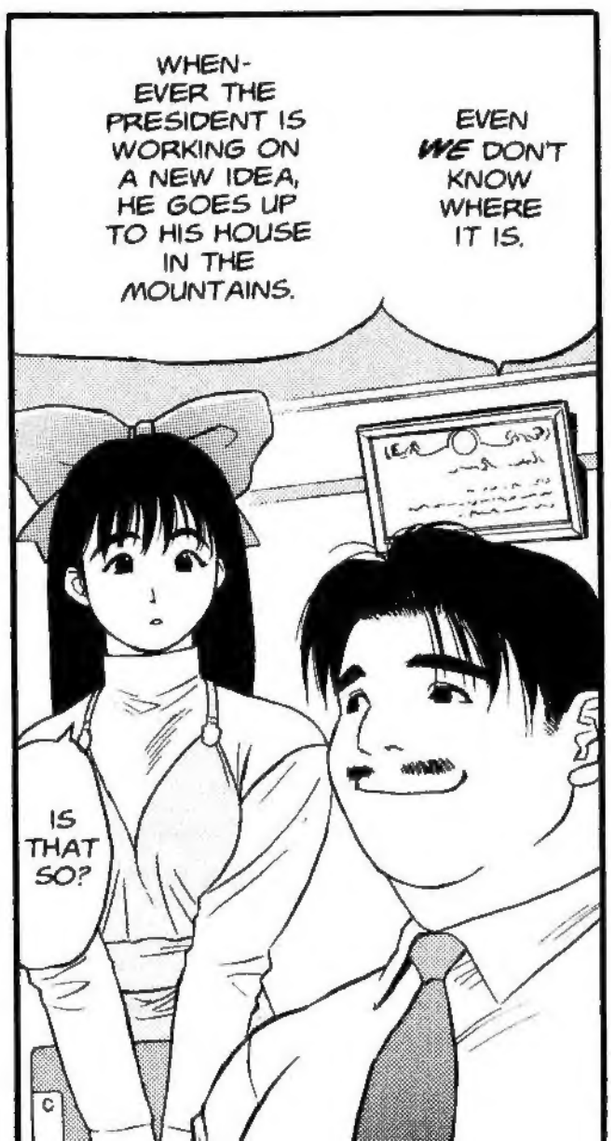
SOAP
TUG
RATTLE

FAUST!
I'M HUNGRY!
HMM...?

OH. SEE WHAT YOU CAN FIND IN THE FRIDGE.
OKAY.

WHAT'RE YOU DOING?
DATA 2
DATA 1
SYSTEM
TOOLS
HM?
IT'S BEEN BARELY A DAY SINCE I WAS BOOTED UP.
I'VE LOGGED INTO THE LIBRARY TO DO SOME STUDYING.
PIP PIP PIP PIP PIP
FOR EXAMPLE . . .ABOUT YOUR FATHER.
PIP
!
SANTA GYOKOJI. AGE: FORTY-EIGHT.
A LEADER IN THE FIELD OF ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE.
AUTHOR OF MANY BOOKS. HOLDER OF MANY PATENTS.
CURRENTLY THE PRESIDENT OF VENUS SOFT.
USSOFT

ISN'T MR. GYOKOJI BACK YET!?
RRR
RRR
JJJJ
HE'S STILL HOLED UP IN THE MOUNTAINS.
OH, FOR CRYING OUT LOUD!
JUST LOOK AT ALL THESE DOCU-MENTS!
RRRR
UM. . . "HOLED UP IN THE MOUNTAINS" . . .?


WHEN-EVER THE PRESIDENT IS WORKING ON A NEW IDEA, HE GOES UP TO HIS HOUSE IN THE MOUNTAINS.
EVEN WE DON'T KNOW WHERE IT IS.
IS THAT SO?

HMPH!
FWAP FWAP
T.S.O.
WELL, IF YOU ASK ME. . .
WE CAN'T COMPLAIN.
THE BOSS'S TALENT IS WHAT KEEPS THIS COMPANY GOING.

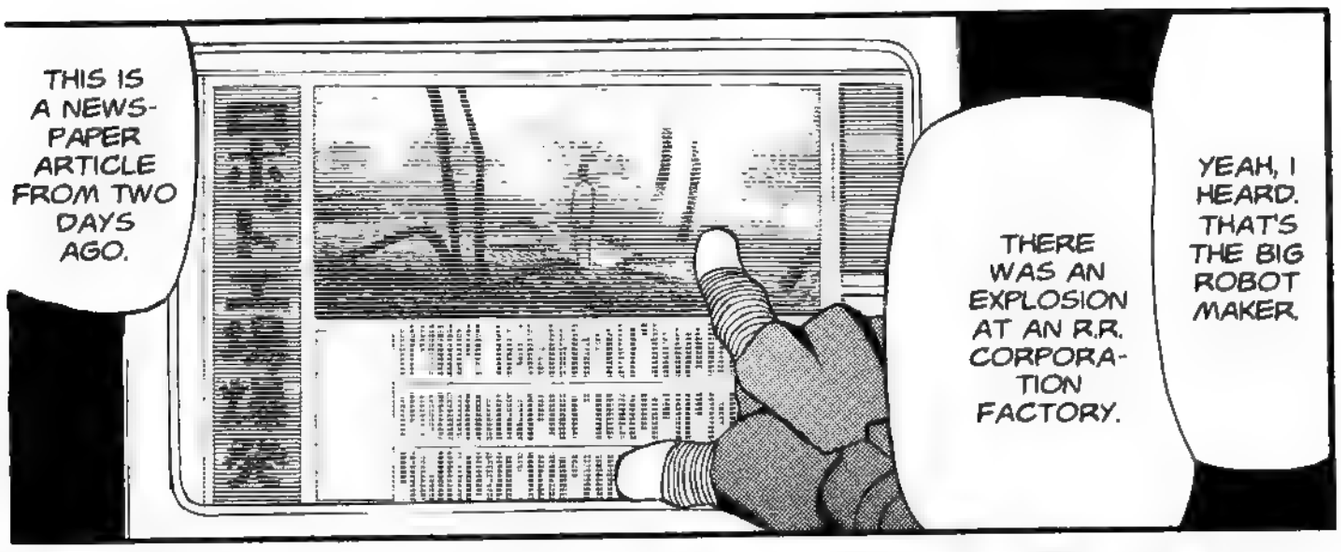
CUPID TO ANGEL...
I HAVE TRACKED DOWN FAUST'S LOCATION IN CYBER-SPACE.

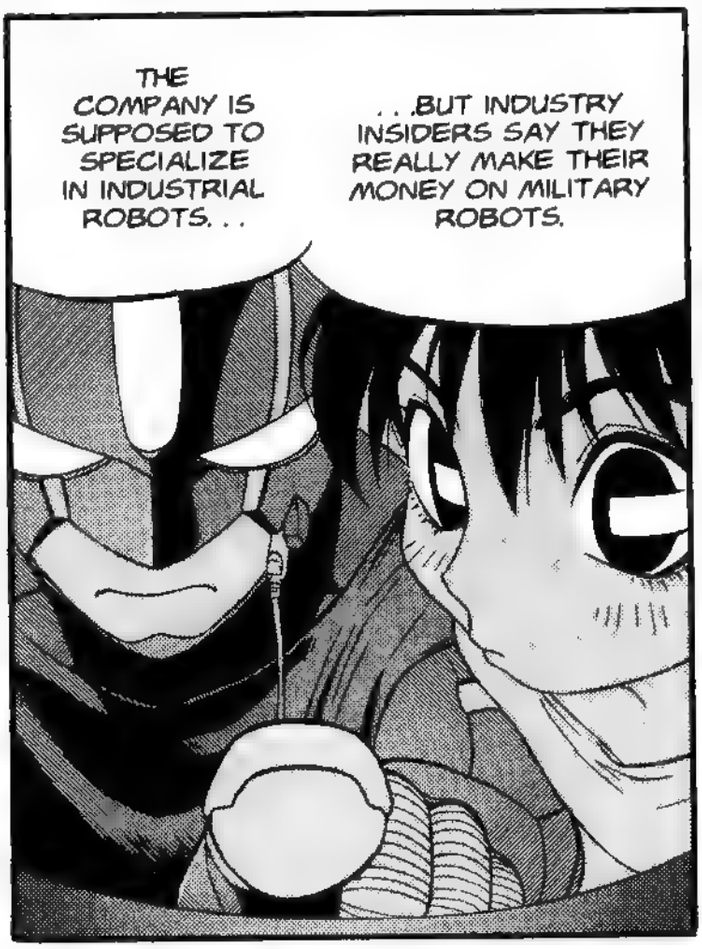
HE IS LOCATED IN SHIBUYA, TOKYO.
I BELIEVE HE IS HIDING OUT IN A VACANT CONDO-MINIUM.
I SEE.

TAK

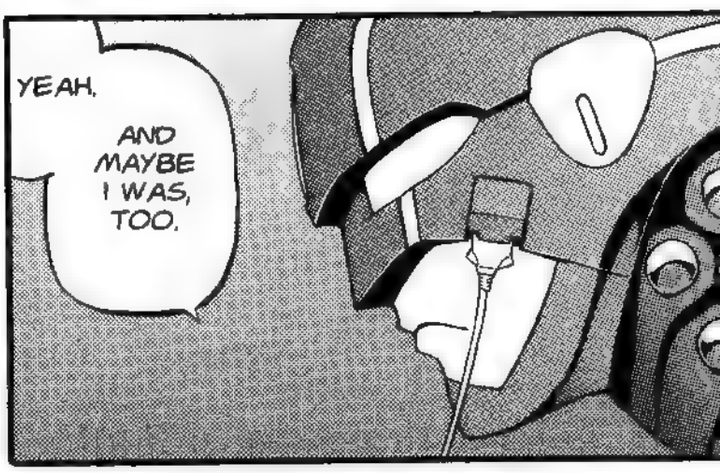
WELL THEN...
SEND DASHER AND DANCER.
ROGER.
PIP
REALLY, PAPA.
YOU'RE ALWAYS CAUSING SO MUCH TROUBLE.
...
TAK TAK TAK TAK
NO
SH

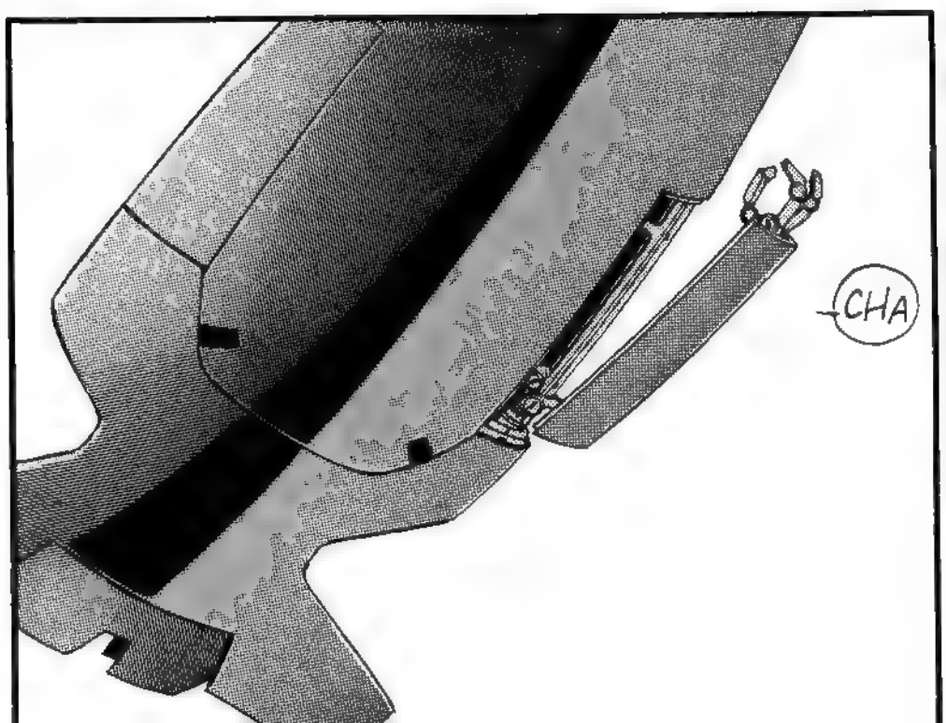
WHA—!?
TAK TAK TAK
HM?
FIND SOME-THING?
WHAT THE—!?


THIS IS A NEWS-PAPER ARTICLE FROM TWO DAYS AGO.
THERE WAS AN EXPLOSION AT AN R.R. CORPORA-TION FACTORY.
YEAH, I HEARD. THAT'S THE BIG ROBOT MAKER.


THE COMPANY IS SUPPOSED TO SPECIALIZE IN INDUSTRIAL ROBOTS. . .
. . .BUT INDUSTRY INSIDERS SAY THEY REALLY MAKE THEIR MONEY ON MILITARY ROBOTS.

Y-YOU MEAN...
. . .THAT ROBOT MIGHT HAVE BEEN MADE BY R.R.?


YEAH.
AND MAYBE I WAS, TOO.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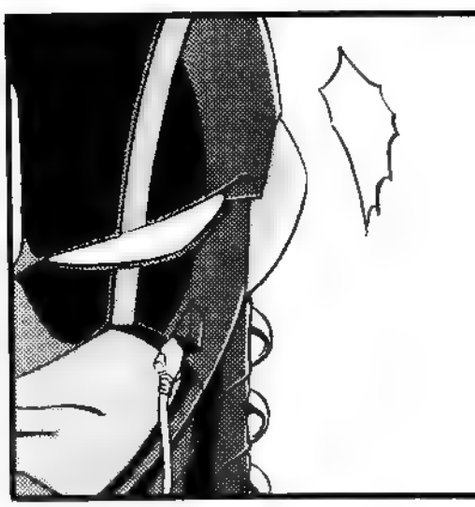


WHAP
?
WH-
WHAT
IS
THAT?
WHIRRRR
THE
ENEMY!!
WHRRRRR

Whirrr
HMPH.
THEY TRACED ME OVER THE NET.
...
FAUST.
WHIR
RR

MOVE AWAY FROM MISS RUSHIHA.
!?
WHOOSH
WHAP
SHIX

WHUMP
DOOM

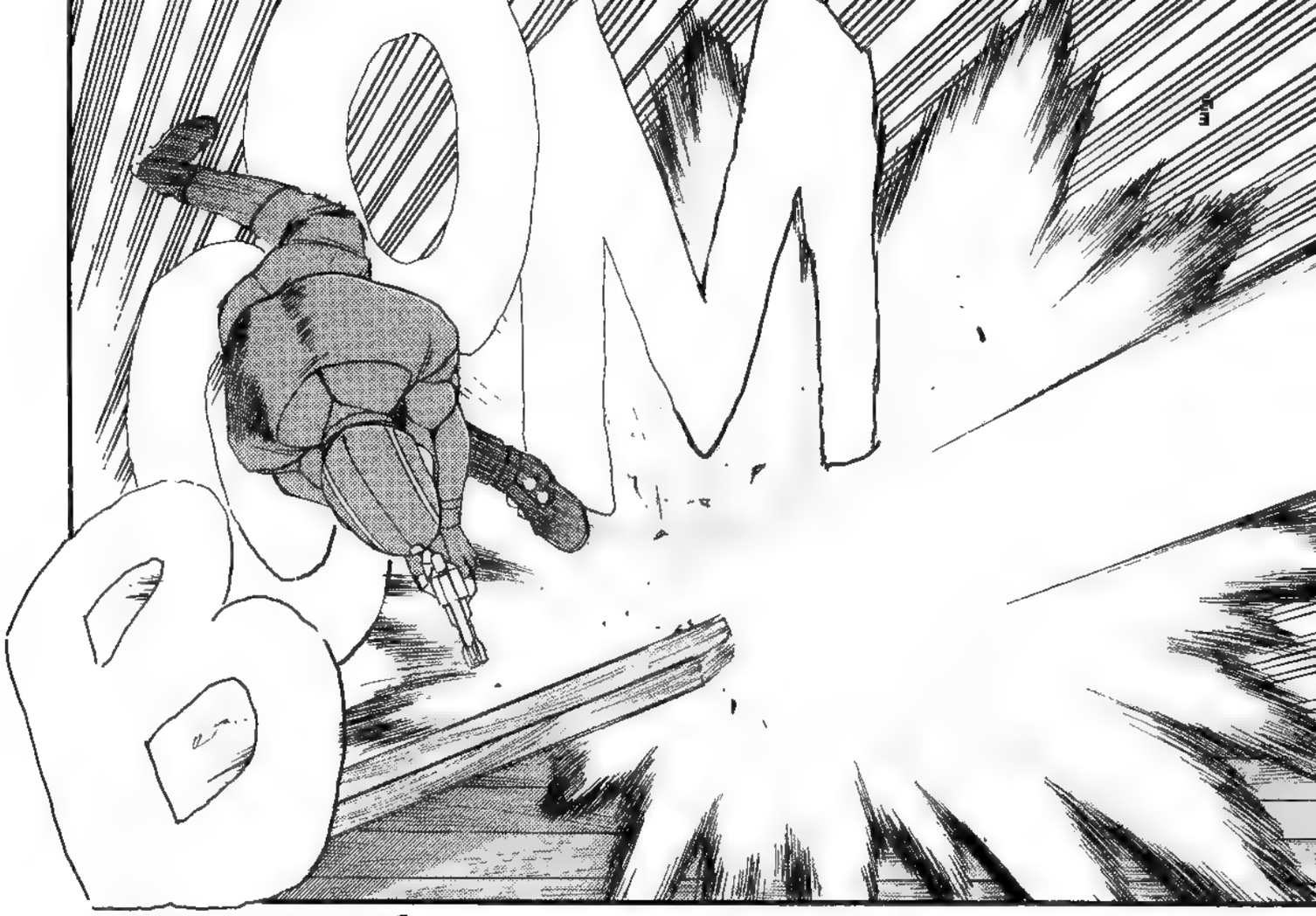
SKSH
TOOM!
WHAT WAS THAT!?
WOW! AN EXPLOSION !?
HOW EXCITING!
PAT
PAT
FAU...
FAUST !!
PAT
PAT
KRE
!!

AHHHH!!
VRR
RN
WHUMP
ARE YOU ALL RIGHT, RUSHIHA !?
!?
VRRN
FAUST !?
KYAK
YOU'RE ALIVE!? THANK GOOD-NESS!

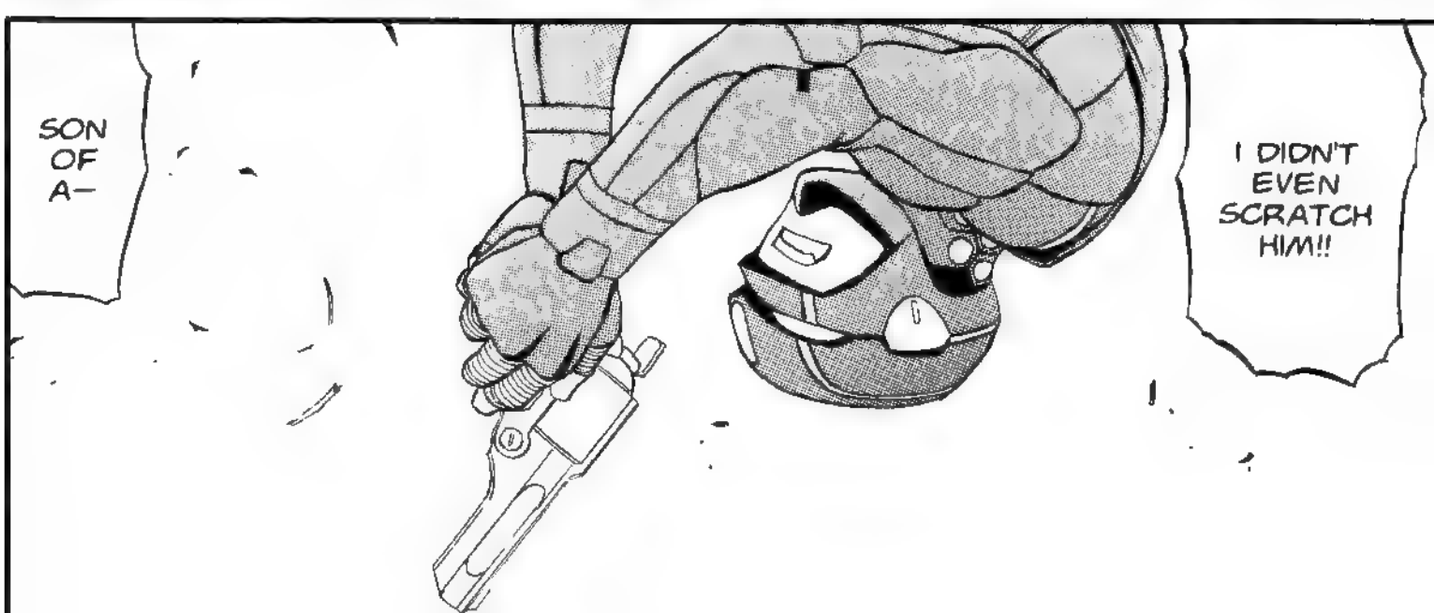
HAH!
'COURSE I AM RELATIVELY SPEAKING, THAT IS
KREE
I'LL TAKE CARE OF THAT 'CROW'
YOU MAKE YOUR GETAWAY ON THE BIKE
R-RIGHT!
VRMM
BRRR

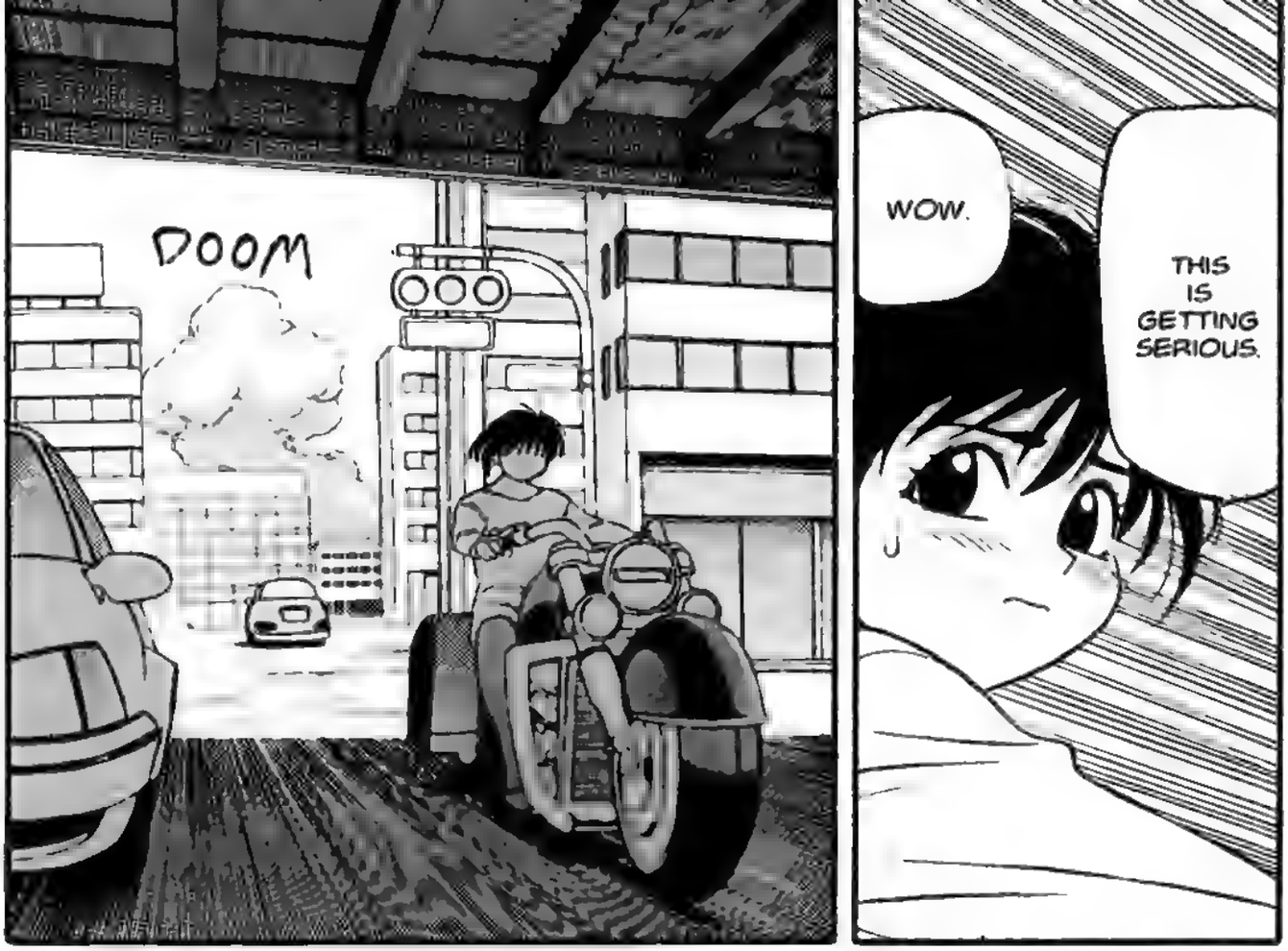
WHIRR
VNNN
WHY DO YOU KNOW MY NAME?
YOU CALLED RUSHIHA "MISS RUSHIHA." WHAT'S YOUR RELATIONSHIP TO HER?
THIS IS PROBABLY POINT-LESS.
BUT I'LL ASK ANYWAY
CLAK

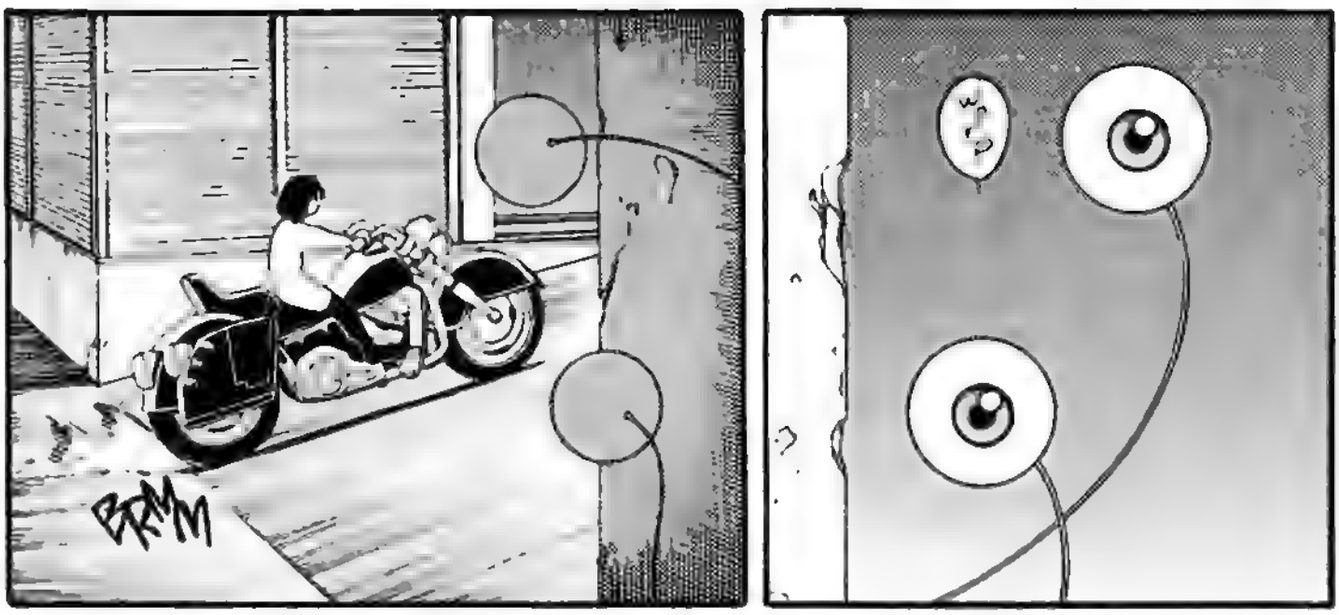
BOOM
DON'T FEEL LIKE CHATTING !?
FAP!
BLAM
PING!
PANG!
BLAM
SH
chkchkchk
HH
!!

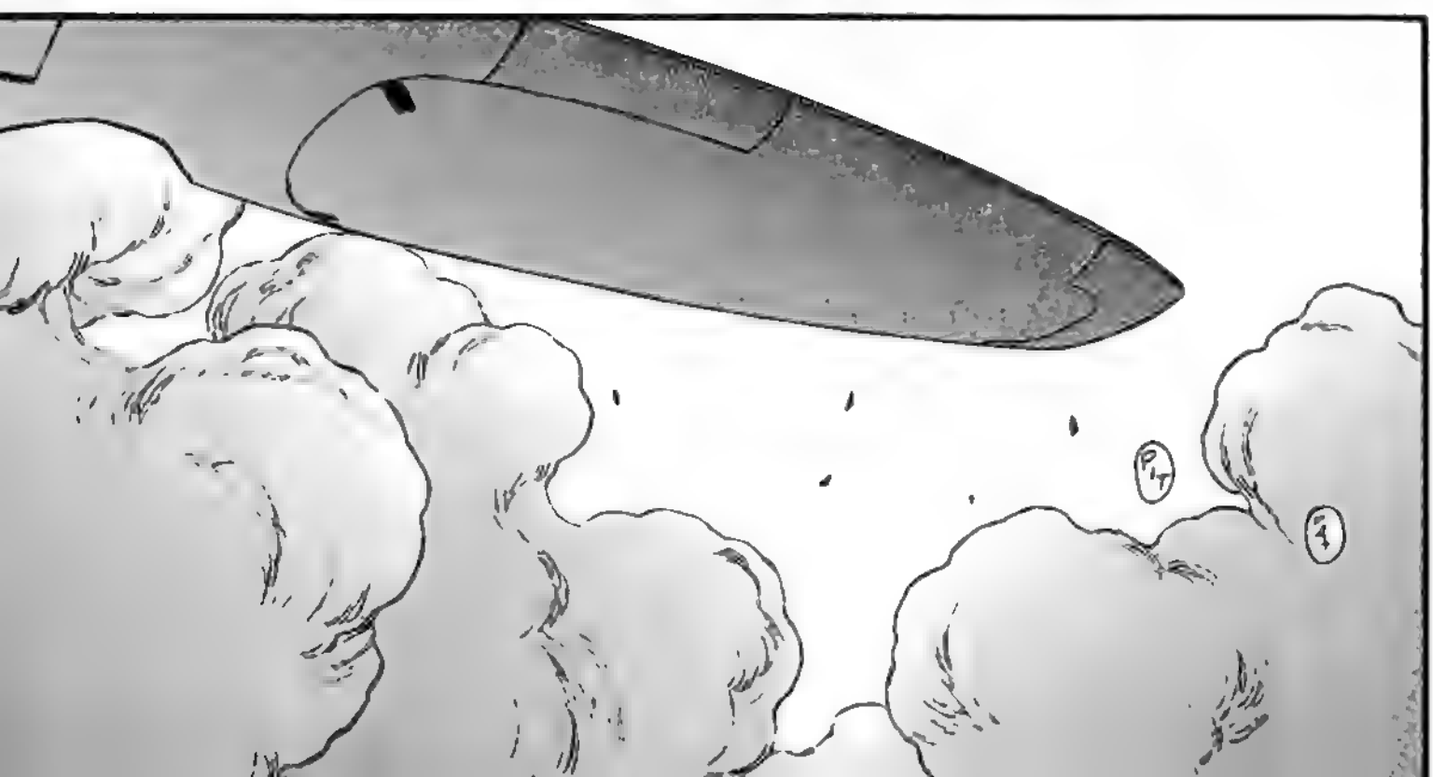

BOOM

WOOSHHH

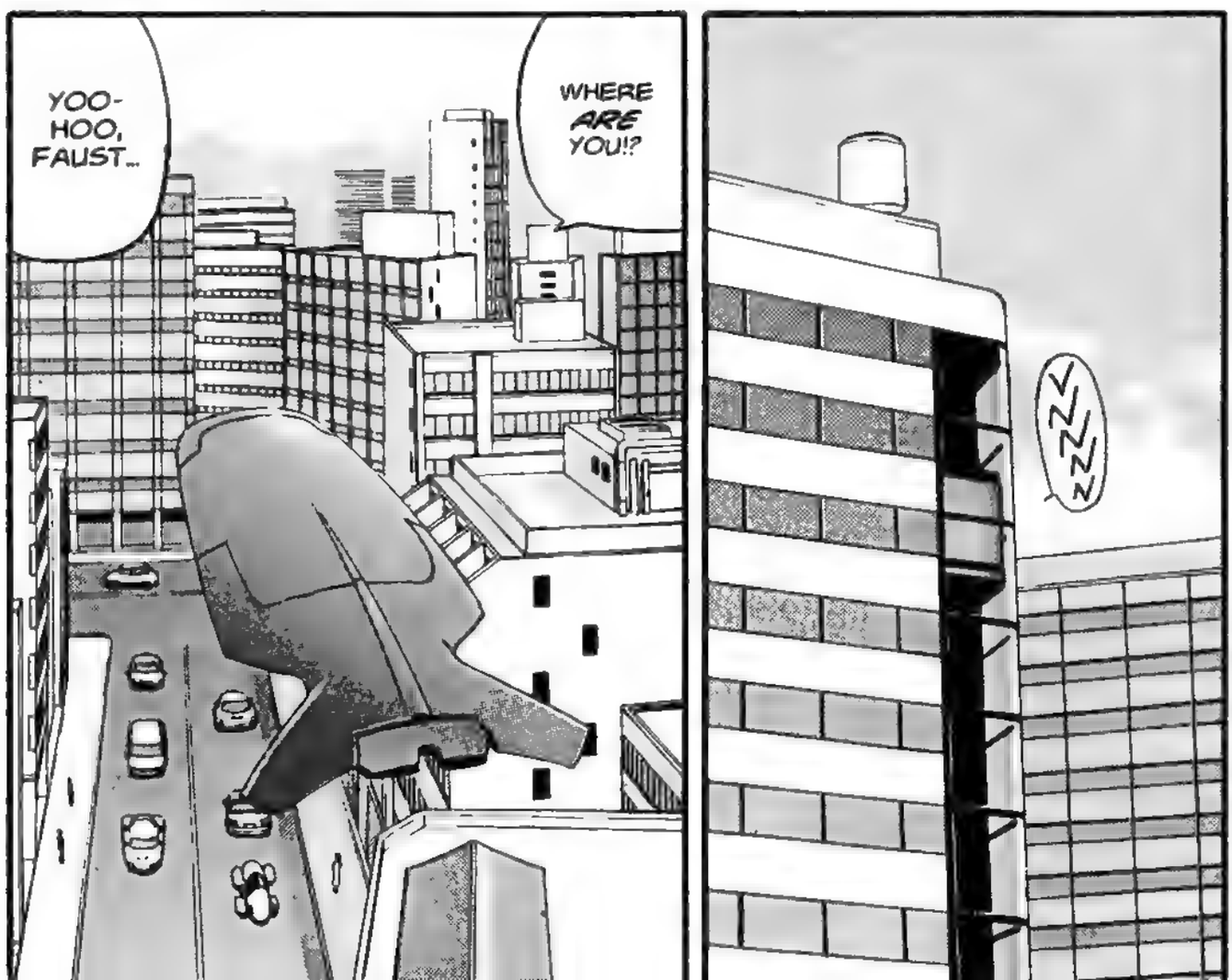

SON OF A—
I DIDN'T EVEN SCRATCH HIM!!


DOOM
WOW.
THIS IS GETTING SERIOUS.


BRMM


PIT

MY ARMOR IS MADE OF SPECIAL LAYVNIUM ALLOY.
WHIR
MY ONLY WEAPON IS A HEAD-ON BLOW WITH THIS ULTRAHARD BODY.
Oh, my
YOU COULD SAY...
. . .I'M A CANNON-BALL WITH A BRAIN.
WHIR


YOO-HOO, FAUST..
WHERE ARE YOU!?
VVVV

HMPH
VNNNNNNN
HE'D MAKE A GREAT LINEBACKER
THIS LEAVES ME WITH ONLY ONE OPTION
VWVV
!

HYOOOOOOOO
.....
FAUST... FAUST...
DON'T YOU GET IT?

BAA-
THAT GUN OF YOURS...
OOSH
...IS USELESS AGAINST ME!!
GAH

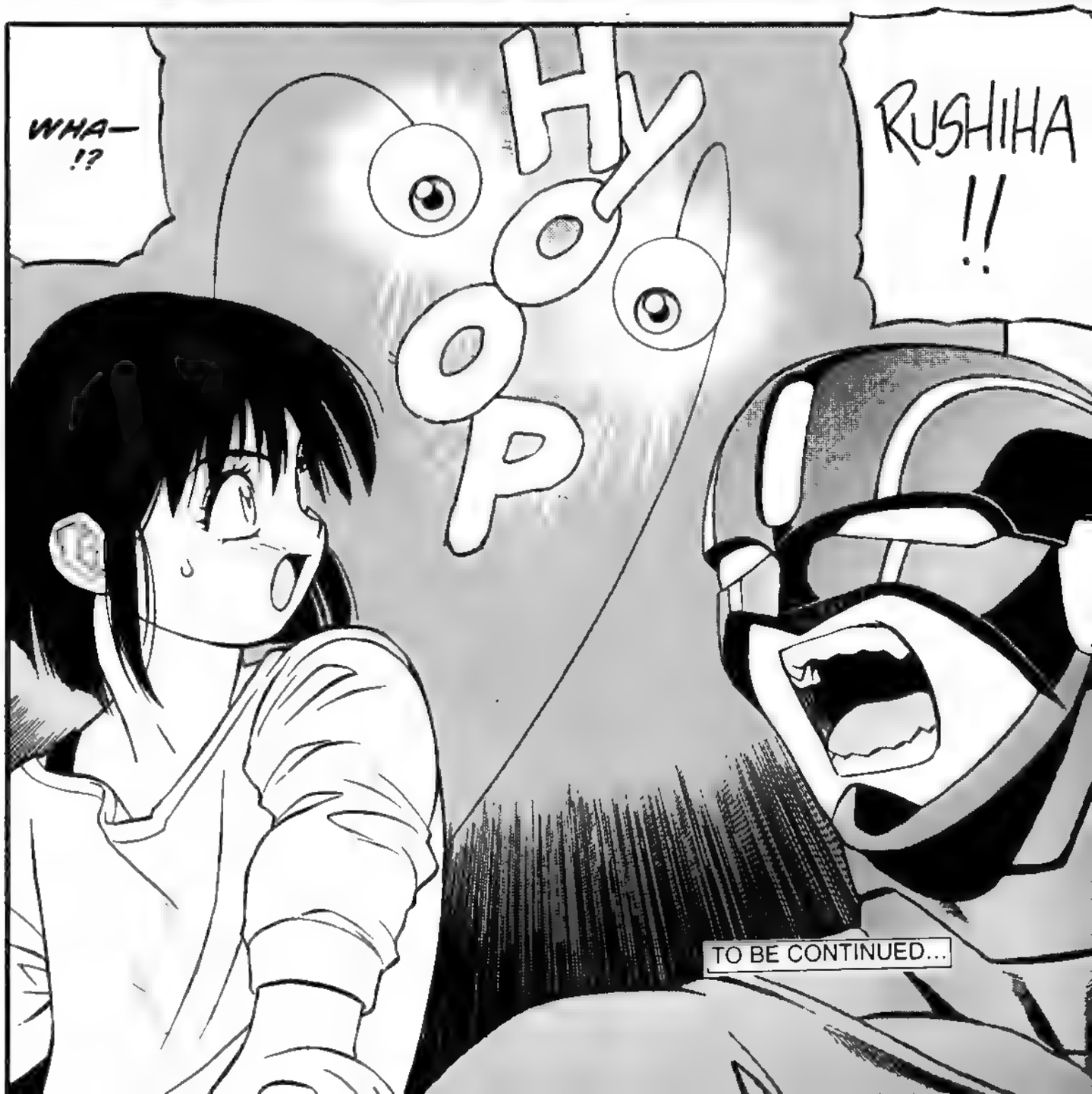
BAM

DO
D-

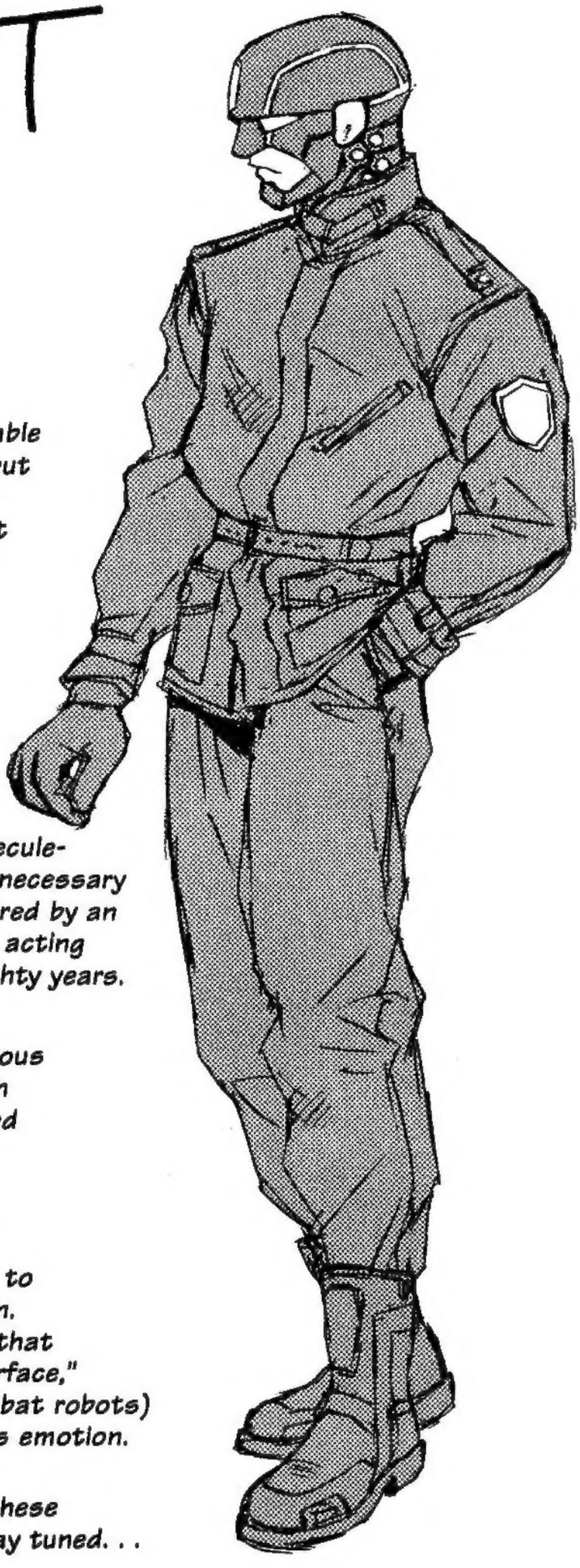
IMPOSSIBLE !!
DOOM
DOOM
DOOM
OHH
HHH
KAK
CHIK
CHIK

BOO
OSHHHH
UNH!
FLUMP
LOUSY CROW.
SURE DIDN'T MAKE IT EASY!
ZZIT
ZIT
SQUEE
!

I TOOK CARE OF HIM, RUSHIHA.
WAIT FOR ME RIGHT WHERE YOU ARE.
worp
HURRY!
I KIND OF STAND OUT RIDING A CYCLE LIKE THIS!
Sh Sh Sh
vrrn
FAUST!
I WAS WORRIED. I'M FINE, TOO!


WHA— !?
Hy OOO P
RUSHIHA !!
TO BE CONTINUED...

FAUST



Height: 6'5"

Combat robot developed by the R.R. Corporation.

Most robots are built to resemble human beings in some sense, but this machine's resemblance to human beings differs from that of his fellow robots.

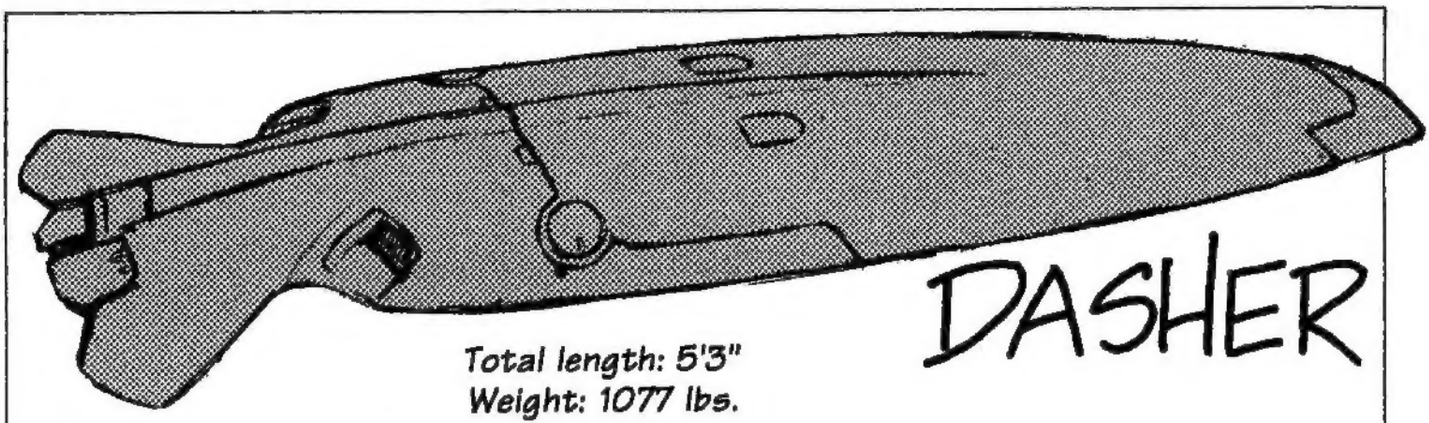
Faust's single most distinguishing characteristic is his independence.

He is powered by solar energy, and carries within his body molecule-sized "repairbots," making it unnecessary for him to be recharged or repaired by an outside agent. He is capable of acting autonomously for more than eighty years.

Furthermore, the use of numerous attachments provides him with an adaptability that specialized machines lack.

However, Faust was not given these features simply in order to increase his value as a weapon. This is illustrated by the fact that he was built with an "R.B. Interface," a feature (unnecessary in combat robots) that allows his face to express emotion.

Why was Faust created with these anthropomorphic qualities? Stay tuned. . .



DASHER

Total length: 5'3"
Weight: 1077 lbs.

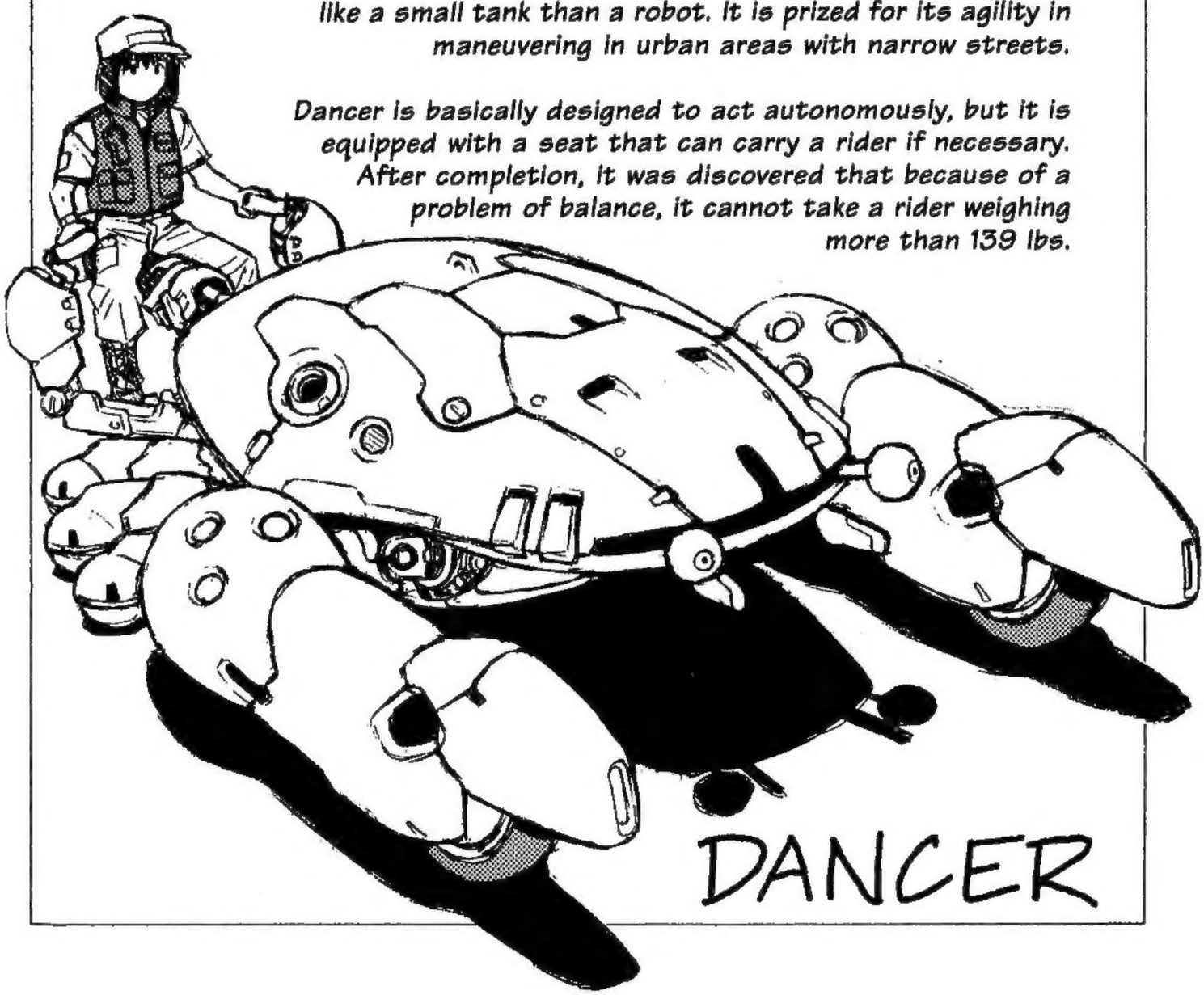
A machine plated with the superalloy Layvnium, the density of which can be changed by the application of an electrical charge. Its only attack is to ram, or "dash," into its opponent. Its extreme simplicity is precisely the key to its reputation as a near-perfect weapon. It hovers by means of a Dean Drive, and is propelled by jets.

Body length: 5'2" Weight: 1135 lbs.

A machine designed to engage in combat only on paved surfaces.

Equipped with machine guns, rocket launchers, and other weapons intended to be used against human beings, it is really more like a small tank than a robot. It is prized for its agility in maneuvering in urban areas with narrow streets.

Dancer is basically designed to act autonomously, but it is equipped with a seat that can carry a rider if necessary. After completion, it was discovered that because of a problem of balance, it cannot take a rider weighing more than 139 lbs.



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